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RTD Eco Pass

NREL payrolled, regular full-time and part-time employees **may be** eligible to receive an Eco Pass as an added benefit of working at NREL. The Eco Pass can be used to ride RTD whenever and wherever you like. Local, Express, Regional and Light Rail are included (excludes special event services such as BroncosRide).

Mass transit reduces traffic, pollution, wear and tear on streets and vehicles, and fossil fuel use. Fewer cars and congestion on the roads means we all breath cleaner air.

Catch the SkyRide bus service to Denver International Airport. Leave your car at home or park **FREE** at any RTD park-n-Ride. SkyRide is comfortable, convenient and **FREE** for Eco Pass holders.

A fast and convenient option to park for FREE near DIA. Many staff members have used the Stapleton park-n-Ride as a convenient location to park for free when commuting to DIA from the NREL Golden locations. This option is still available along with a new park-n-Ride at the southwest corner of East 40th Avenue and Salida Street (just east of Pena Boulevard and Airport Road). A SkyRide bus stops here every 5 to 30 minutes between 4:00 am and 1:00 am on weekdays.

Pass it On!

Remember to fill out an Eco Pass Usage Report so that NREL can continue to track the savings achieved from the Eco Pass benefit. To complete the report, just go to the "forms" section on theSource.



For additional information about the RTD Eco Pass, Bus Schedules, Park & Rides, and SkyRide:

<http://thesource.nrel.gov/hr/benefits/rtd.html>

<http://www.rtd-denver.com/>

Q&A Forum

“Can I recycle paper-ream wrappers?”

Yes! While the wax coating had prevented these wrappers from being recycled in the past, improved processes have made them acceptable now.

Computers should be turned off when not in use.

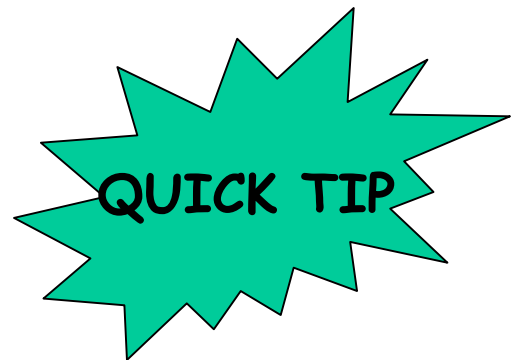
“I know that there are several people at NREL who leave both their computers and monitors on 24/7. Can we get more people to turn off their computers if possible?”

Sustainable NREL and the IS Client Services group deployed a power-management tool to PC desktops throughout the Lab in June of 2003. Based on the data collected, power-management setting changes will be recommended for NREL's computers and monitors. This program offers a significant opportunity for energy-use reduction and cost savings.

We'd like to hear more! Please send your questions or suggestions for improving NREL's sustainability to Michelle Kubik.

Sustainable Watch

During the month of August, we will be placing recycle bins in numerous conference rooms lab wide. The bins are for aluminum, glass and plastic bottles/cans. A special thanks goes out to Karri Bottom for helping with this project.



Always look for the "recycled" symbol when ordering supplies from the CADDO Office Product catalog.



KUDOS!

This month's Kudo goes to Michelle Kubik in Communications. Michelle has taken an active role in updating our Sustainable NREL website. She has also been integral in our recycling campaign and is a member of the Recycling Advisory Committee. She is a champion for the Sustainable cause and we thank her for all of her hard work.

For more information on Sustainable NREL activities, just zip over to our website on the Source:

http://www.nrel.gov/sustainable_nrel/